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GRIFFMEN HAVE CHANCE TO UPSET YANKEES, THEN REPEAT AGAINST CHAMPS

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Washington's waning season of major league baseball starts today for its last burst to the tape. Twenty games will be offered local fans, and then the athletes will turn in their uniforms, not to don them again until next March at Tampa, Fla., where the Griffins are to train once more. The New York Yankees, headed by that king of attractions, Babe Ruth, the Battering Bambino, are here today and tomorrow, and on Thursday both teams will open a three-game series in New York, doubling back for another clash next Sunday at Georgia avenue. Thus, if the Griffins can rise to the occasion, it lies in their power to trip the aspiring Yanks and practically end their wild hunt for the 1921 banner.

The Griffins have the happy faculty of winning pennants for other teams and losing them for themselves. Frequently this year, when they faced a situation which might have aided them at the expense of both the Indians and the Yankees, they collapsed like a toy balloon. But they have just come from a short stay in Cleveland, aiding the champions by losing three games to them. What they will do for the Yankees remains unknown, but when these six games have been played either the Yanks will be very much in the pennant race or they will be about done for the season.

The Yankees are girding themselves for their last hard fight at the Polo Grounds. On their final swing through the West they managed to win seven out of thirteen games played. The White Sox took them into camp twice in the three battles played. They broke even with the Browns in four games. They rallied in Cleveland, rushing into first place by winning the first two in a row from the champions.

That the Indians are tough foes was shown by their defeating the Yanks in the third game and grabbing back first place honors. The Yanks got another start in Detroit, winning the first two, but they dropped the last one to the Tigers and the Indians' three victories over the Griffins enabled the champions to gain a whole game on their closest rivals.

Play Many At Home.

Those who are supporting the New York entry in this great two-club race believe that their many home games from now until the curtain drops in October will decide the matter. The Yanks are admittedly a hard team to beat in New York. They have the vocal support. They have the near fences for their sluggers to reach. They have a confidence not seen on the road.

The Cleveland Indians have but five more games to play at home. Last Sunday was their last Sunday game of the year, something Cleveland fans don't like for September usually has fine weather and they will be compelled to read the papers about the games instead of watching them.

The Indians will soon come East for their last swing around the circuit. If their pitchers can hold up, the Indians will generally be favored to win their second successive pennant, but if Sothoron and Coveleskie are compelled to turn out, it may be a horse of another color. In that case it will be a disappointing journey for the champions along the Atlantic coast.

Griffs Are Tough.

Among the tough home teams this season against both the Indians and the Yankees are the Griffins. For one thing, the Griffins like to hammer the leaders. They take special joy in tripping those ahead of them and then to fall down badly when opposing the Mackmen. Therefore, both Cleveland and New York will be battling all the way at Georgia avenue.

It is also the Washington habit to put its strongest lineup against the contenders whenever possible. There will be no partiality toward either Cleveland or New York. If they can trim the Griffins, well and good, but they'll have to trim them. There'll be no lying down to send the banner here or there.

The Griffins, barring Rice's tender ankle, are in good physical condition. They are as strong as they have been this season and should make a brilliant contest for third place honors. The St. Louis Browns are right on their heels today and will take all the Griffins have to cling to their present honors.

"Wait till next year" may be expected at any moment now. The Griffins were done July 10, though they don't know it. They came back with that big burst of eleven straight victories and it was only after that had faded away that the athletes realized they had no chance.

About the Youngsters.

Washington fans may expect the "wait till next year" stuff the moment Manager McGraw begins using youngsters in the daily lineup. McGraw will be rearing, rookies will hardly be used against Cleveland, New York or St. Louis, but a few of them may get into the other contests.

Most minor league close down on Labor Day. The few that are left have been snapped by President Griffith for trials and now and then one or two strange names may be found in the lineup. The real trials given these players will be in the daily practices seen by few fans.

Right now we may say that for 1922 the Washington club absolutely requires a shortstop, a third baseman, at least one outfielder, and four pitchers. At least two of these pitchers should be right-handers. McGraw and Zachary can take care of the southpaw stuff between them.

A good catcher who might take off the pressure of the outfielders would help the team a lot, but he is not a necessity. It is strange for a team to carry a young catcher, like Val Picchini, and use him for one pitcher only.

Just what the dragnet will bring to light, of course, cannot be known until it is pulled in. President Griffith has scoured the land, either in person or through scouts, searching for possible players, but they are few and far between, as all sensible folks know. It is more than likely that, aside from a pitcher or two, hardly any of them will get into the regular lineup before the season ends.

BASE BALL TODAY

3:30 P. M.
AMERICAN LEAGUE FAIR
Washington vs. New York

Tickets on sale Spaldings 412-14th St. N. W. from 3:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.
Tickets only at New Heights Co.
417 - 7th St.

Competitors Are Found For Bambino

Babe Ruth, the Yanks' great hitter, leads the country with circuit clouts, but he has rivals when it comes to slamming triples and doubles who have something on him.

For instance, T. Cobb, manager of the Detroit Tigers, leads the league in three-baggers, with sixteen to date. T. doesn't get the home runs so frequently, but he sure does travel on those triples.

Tris Speaker, manager of the champion Cleveland Indians, is the gent who delights in crushing doubles. His total of forty-two gives him the leadership.

UP TO PITCHERS TO TURN TIDE IN MAJOR RACES

Batting Ability Plentiful, But Most Clubs Shy on Capable Hurlers.

By SID MERCER.

"If we only had some pitching." That has been the oft-repeated wall of baseball managers this year. In the major leagues there isn't a team leader who couldn't convince an unbiased listener that his team would be away out in front if he had the pitching to couple with his hitting.

So we come at least to a season that seems to have the pitching is a stronger factor in baseball than hitting. The lively ball and pitching restrictions apparently shed new light on an old and much mooted question.

Pick out any team—even the two misrepresentative Philadelphia outfit—with and with pitchers who could hold the enemy to one or two runs they would be leaders. The teams at hit and an individual can't club for an average of better than .300 is regarded as a helpless dependent.

Up To Pitchers.

In the National League two clubs—Pittsburgh and Boston—have been pitching a steady pitching until recently. The Braves climbed to third place on their excellent defense. The Pirates seized and held first place by pitching and a balanced attack.

Of the other good clubs the Giants, Cardinals and Cubs were notable examples of the evils of "in and out" pitching. Especially the Giants, who score plenty of runs themselves.

In the few days something like pitching "form" has had its longest run in the National League. The Giants polished up their pennant badges again by five consecutive defeats of the Pirates, and most of these games were desperate struggles in which the Giants scored fewer runs than losing teams are accustomed to garner.

Oddly enough, the same phenomenon was observed in Boston at the same time. There the St. Louis Cardinals, thought not often scoring enough runs to relieve the strain on their pitchers, won six straight from the Braves. Pitching decided that series also.

Yankees Lacked Pitching.

It is doubtful whether the proficiency of McGraw's boxmen will produce such satisfactory results in the West next month. If the Giants can play championship ball in St. Louis and Cincinnati, they may win. But they have an aggravating habit of fitting their game to the class of their opponents and often losing out on the breaks.

Good pitching would have clinched a pennant for the Yankees are this. But they have not had any long stretches of efficient mound work. Their winning streaks were narrowed out by the bats of "Murderer's Row" rather than by fine spun pitching.

If the Yankee pitchers had, say ten two-run games left among them to peddle out to their opponents, they could win, as they are favored by the September schedule. But their habit is to win two games behind fair pitching and then fold up as a crack pitcher is massacred.

Giants Get Malone.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 30.—"Irish" Malone, leading pitcher of the Appalachian league, has been sold to the New York Giants and will report next week. Big league scouts who have seen him predict a brilliant future for this youngster.

America Crowned Queen of the Sea



America's Best

Woman's National Long-Distance Championship

KEARNS SAID GEORGES GOT ENOUGH, AND IT SEEMS SO

By SID MERCER.

Apropos of the probability of Georges Carpentier abandoning his elaborate plans for an extensive campaign against American light heavyweights this fall, it is interesting to recall a prediction made by Jack Kearns the day after the short and decisive battle at Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Kearns, Dempsey, Jimmy Coffey and others were sequestered in a room at a New York hotel discussing the champion's immediate prospects. Somebody mentioned a return match with Carpentier.

"No chance," said Kearns, emphatically. "There is one fighter who will never challenge Dempsey again." Some of his hearers took issue with Kearns. One predicted that Carpentier would return to this country, pick up some easy money by defeating some of our lighter heavies, and then seek another match with Dempsey abroad.

Enough Is Enough.

"I don't think so," declared Kearns. "I'll tell you why. That Frenchman doesn't know yet how much punishment he took from Dempsey. When he realizes that, he won't want any more of Jack's game."

"Carpentier is game, I grant. But he is not a physical marvel and he endured more body blows than any man of his build can assimilate. Mark my words, this Frenchman was hurt, and I don't think he'll ever be a great fighter again. I doubt if he even comes back to meet Gibbons or any of the other men in the light heavy class."

In view of recent developments it begins to appear that Dempsey's manager spoke a mouthful.

Can Georges "Come Back?"

Before the encounter with Dempsey, Georges was pictured as a perfect athlete, light, but sound in every detail. Afterward, he made a tentative agreement with Tex Rickard to come back and fight again as soon as his injured hand permitted his indulgence in a hard bout.

But since his return to France, Carpentier has not yet regained his former splendid condition, and tales of his contemplated retirement are drifting over from the other side.

For one thing, the Frenchman's right, which he claims he wrecked on Dempsey's jaw in the second round at Jersey City, is mending slowly.

But evidence is not wanting that Dempsey's rib crushers inflicted permanent injury—nothing to prevent Georges from long life and prosperity, but serious enough to prevent him from taking a chance against hard hitters. A body puncher like Gibson, for instance.

Broken Ribs a Handicap.

If your recollection of the battle is somewhat blurred, you need only to revisit the scene by witnessing the fight pictures, which show in detail the terrific hammering that wore Carpentier out so quickly and caused his sudden collapse in the fourth round up to which he had been fighting gamely against heavy odds.

Tom Sharkey, a more robust specimen than Carpentier, was never a great fighter after his ribs were stayed in by Jim Jeffries at Coney Island. Nor, we believe, will Carpentier ever beat a real good man of his own weight. He contemplates fighting in England next fall, but none of the opponents mentioned so far is in his class. Bob Martin, the American, is not the type to worry the Frenchman. Gibbons, Greb or Brennan would and others might. In the meanwhile, remember the prediction of Kearns.

BIG LEAGUE SCORES OF THE WEEK

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	S.	M.	T.	W.	F.	S.	T.
St. Louis	12	2	2	2	2	2	12
Cleveland	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Washington	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Boston	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Brooklyn	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cincinnati	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Baltimore	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Philadelphia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pittsburgh	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
New York	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	S.	M.	T.	W.	F.	S.	T.
Pittsburgh	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chicago	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Brooklyn	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cincinnati	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Boston	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
High Cincinnati	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Low, Pittsburgh	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

TAGGING ALL THE BASES

Herman Shore, from Winston-Salem in the Piedmont League, is due to join the Griffins today. He is a right-hand pitcher and a cousin of Ernie Shore, former Red Sox and Yankee hurler.

The Washington club is exactly one game ahead of the St. Louis Browns today and eleven games behind the New York Yankees.

The Boston Red Sox are but three and a half games behind the St. Louis Browns, thanks to a successful tour through the West.

The Giants gained a game on the Pirates when they nosed out the Cubs. Meusel and Cunningham accounted for the winning tally.

Dutch Reuther outpitched Wilbur Cooper in a mound duel at Ebbets Field, giving the Pirates but four hits and scoring a shut-out.

The slump of the Braves continued when they dropped their seventh consecutive game, losing to the Reds. Rixey gave up ten hits, but kept them scattered.

Rain stopped the Cards and Phillies and the American League teams had an off day.

President Baker, of the Phillies, has signed Irving Wilhelm as manager of his club for 1922.

Fitzsimmons a Winner.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—Eddie Fitzsimmons, the New York lightweight, received a decision over "Pinky" Mitchell, of Milwaukee, in a ten-round bout here last night.

Grab Trims Norfolk.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 30.—Harry Grebb, of this city, outpointed Kid Norfolk, of New York, in a slow ten-round contest here last night.

Says "SKILLET" Finn, Esq.

Four Horsemen of Apocalypse Will Meet Japanese in Davis Mug Tennis Matches.

By SKILLET FINN.
(Batting for Kirk Miller.)

Japanese tennis midgets to meet America's giant croquet hounds this week for harmless loving cup. Mug that can only be filled with prohibition cocktails wouldn't hurt anybody.

United States places her hopes on Four Horsemen of Apocalypse: Tilden, Williams, Washburn and Johnston. Expect to ride those Japs around bareback.

Elusive little cup is now fee simple property of America, but what she wants with it is more of a problem than where a hobo will sleep. Fee simple means it's awfully simple to get something to put in it. Coming battle will be same as fighting for something that isn't worth keeping.

Argument Can Only Be Settled in Court.

Ordinarily little disputes like ownership of silverware would be settled out of court, but this one won't. Australia, India, and other way-stations were anxious to get a crack at Davis trophy, but fell by the wayside like boy on a man's errand.

Bill Tilden is touted as the world's greatest tennis virtuoso. He is high, low, Jack and the game, according to Spalding's trick record book. He could beat Moilla-Bjurstedt and S. Lengien with both their hands tied behind them. By sheer mention of his name, he has stopped everybody but Jack Dempsey and process servers.

Bill is a two-footed fawn. He's here. He's there. He's a Jekyll and Hyde. Sometimes he moves so swift he doesn't throw a shadow. Charles Albert Ponzi was fast, but Tilden is quicker.

Get-Rich-Soon Wallingford used to be the fastest piece of humanity in song or story book, but Tilly Tilden can be two places at once.

Will Take Ballast Into Davis Cup Agony.

For the sake of ballast, Tilden will enter the Davis cup agony with Williams, Washburn and Johnston dancing after him. Sometime when Tilden is a couple of miles in the air after a fast serve, he might need some equilibrium, so he'll call on one of his accomplices to trim the cruise.

Americans ought to win provided Japs don't pull any occult Oriental sleight-of-hand stunts. Once saw a Jap evict a pair of guinea pigs, a set of dinner dishes and an American flag out of a beaver hat, so anything can happen in this tennis squabble.

But as stated, Tilden is expected to make the others look like they're huffed and wearing balls and chains. Far East is full of mystery, and all sorts of weird romance, but Jap'll think they're at Coney Island side show when they hop into the same cage with Four Horsemen of Hiccup type.

Four-count 'em—four.

WILHELM PUTS HIS SIGNATURE ON DOTTED LINE

Signs With President Baker as Manager of the Philadelphia Nationals.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30.—William F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club, announced today that Irving Wilhelm had been signed as manager for 1922.

Wilhelm came to the Phillies as trainer and coach and since William Donovan's removal several weeks ago has been acting manager.

WILSON TAKES NO CHANCES WITH DOWNEY LABOR DAY

By JACK VEIOCK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Johnny Wilson will take no chances in his bout with Bryan Downey on Labor Day.

The Charlestown battler must make 160 pounds, and he intends to be in tip-top condition for his return engagement with the Columbus mauler when they get together at Jersey City.

Wilson is training at Massachusetts, where Georges Carpentier trained for his match with Jack Dempsey. He had his first real workout Monday afternoon, and after more than an hour of bag punching, rope skipping and hammering his sparring partner around he scaled at slightly over 160 pounds.

Lots of Road Work.

During the remainder of the week Wilson will keep up a fast pace with plenty of road work to improve his wind and toughen his legs. He expects to go after Downey hammer and tongs from the first bell at "Boyles Thirty Acres" and prove his right to the middleweight crown by a knock-out victory.

Wilson realizes that he must be in shape, for Downey is working like a Trojan in a local gymnasium. The Buckeye battler is doing a lot of boxing with Johnny Papke, a southpaw of Wilson's type, and Johnny Carr, a rugged lad who can give and take. Downey is a fighter, pure and simple, and when he faces Wilson the next time he hopes to repeat his performance at Cleveland by flooring the title claimant for the count.

Knockout Is Aim.

As the coming bout will be a no-decision affair, both boxers will go into the ring with the idea of scoring a knockout and they will have to fight from going to gone, because Promoter Tex Rickard and the New Jersey boxing commission will not stand for any stalling.

The card will be filled out with two other championship bouts, Mike McTigue, the Canadian middleweight champion, will take on Panama Joe Gans, who holds the colored middleweight belt, and Johnny Buff, American flyweight champion, will defend his title against Indian Russell.

GREATEST WOMAN SWIMMER WINS A. A. U. DISTANCE TITLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Miss Ethelda Bleibtrey, of the New York Women's S. A., greatest water queen of all time, scored a brilliant victory in the senior national A. A. U. long-distance swimming championship, the blue-ribbon event of the season, over a three-and-a-half-mile course off the Brighton Beach Baths yesterday. She defeated by about 100 yards her clubmate, Miss Charlotte Boyle, who finished second, fifty yards ahead of Miss Margaret Woodbridge, of the Detroit A. C., American record holder at one mile.

Miss Bleibtrey covered the three and one-half miles in 56 minutes 27 seconds, beating by the amazing margin of 29 minutes 33 seconds, the women's record for the course, hung up by Miss Elaine Golding, of Bath Beach, in August, 1912.

Miss Bleibtrey set out at a fast pace from the gun and promptly assumed the lead, followed closely by Miss Woodbridge and Miss Boyle. The others soon were strung out processionally, the twenty-five sailing rowboats stretching out in a long line, at intervals, behind Miss Bleibtrey's guiding dory, manned by Harold Kruger, the Honolulu swimming champion.

For the first part of the swim the contestants headed off shore, to take advantage of the tide, but after reaching the gas buoy off the point they straightened out and laid a direct course for Brighton. By then Miss Bleibtrey had a lead of fifty yards, while Miss Woodbridge and Miss Boyle were fighting neck and neck for second place, with Miss Wainwright and Miss Riffin, the fifteen-year-old Olympic champion fancy diver, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Olympians in Close Race.

Miss Alice Lord and Miss Helen Meany, members of the Olympic team, were virtually abreast of Miss Riffin at this stage, but Miss Lord suffered a spell of nausea and stopped to rest, while Miss Meany strayed too far from shore to enjoy the full benefit of the tide and lost ground thereby.

Miss Margaret Ederle and Little Kathryn Brown, the eleven-year-old prodigy, then worked up, and although Miss Lord later caught and passed them Miss Meany never regained her place.

At about halfway tiny Julia Mar-moestein, nine years old, became discouraged because she was far behind and abandoned the contest, though she was swimming strongly at the time, and she left the water fresh and smiling.

When Miss Bleibtrey passed the Manhattan Beach breakwater she had increased her lead to seventy-five yards, but Miss Boyle, steered a bit off her lane, had dropped behind Miss Woodbridge. As their courses converged on nearing the Brighton Beach Baths, however, Miss Boyle put on steam and seemed to gain rapidly over the Detroit champion.

It was a question for a while who would get the place. But as they rounded into Brighton for the finish Miss Boyle had the shortest route to go and made up for the ground lost.

Wins by 1 Minute 30 Seconds.

Miss Bleibtrey, swimming in beautiful form, crossed the line an easy winner, one minute thirty seconds ahead of Miss Boyle, who led home by thirty-seven seconds the Detroit star.

After that the contestants finished in quick succession. Miss Wainwright took fourth by one minute from Miss Riffin, who led Miss Lord by forty-eight seconds. Miss Ederle, sixteen-year-old sister to the international champion, was seventh, after a stirring final dash with tiny Kathryn Brown, who secured eighth place, a few seconds back.

Then followed Miss McFarlane, Miss Meany, George Wilson, Lillian Stoddard and Florence Wendroth at short intervals. Helen Briscoe, twelve years old, was eighteenth, and Ruth Morgan, ten, was twenty-fourth, but both were among those to beat the record for the course.

JUDGE DECIDES BETTING LEGAL ON TWO TRACKS

Test Case Affecting Windsor and Devonshire Will Be Appealed.

WINDSOR, Ont., Aug. 30.—Betting at the Devonshire and Windsor Jockey Club tracks here was held to be legal in a decision handed down by magistrate W. E. Gunderman, after a stirring final dash with tiny Kathryn Brown, who secured eighth place, a few seconds back.

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